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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLANT - CRAIN CHEMICAL CO., DALLAS, VS.
OSAL LTD. AND UNICLEAN LTD., ACCRA

REF: (A) USDOC REFERRAL OF 1/30/75; (B) OM DATED 2/5/75;
(C) ACCRA 1225

1. EMBASSY HAS CONTACTED ATTORNEYS FOR CRAIN AND UNICLEAN, ONE OF THE LOCAL COMPANIES INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE. LAWYERS APPARENTLY DEADLOCKED OVER UNICLEAN' COUNTERCLAIM FOR UNDISCLOSED AMOUNTS OF COMMISSION ALLEGEDLY DUE FROM CRAIN, AND PROSPECTS FOR AN EARLY OR AMICABLE SETTLEMENT SEEM REMOTE.

2. OSAL'S CLAIM TO REFUND OF SUMS PAID TO CRAIN ON BEHALF OF UNICLEAN FOR MERCHANDISE PURCHASED FROM OSAL'S AGENT KOFI ABADIO AND SONS HAS BEEN DENIED BY CRAIN'S LAWYER. HE STATES THAT HE RECOVERED CEDIS 3,684.69 (DOLS. 3,205.68) FROM THAT TRANSACTION ON 5/12/71 AND THAT NO LITIGATION IS PENDING. EFFORTS TO CONTACT OMAN OF OSAL FOR COMMENT ON THE MATTER HAVE SO FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

3. CRAIN'S LOCAL LAWYER HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT HE HAS DECIDED AND IS SEEKING AUTHORIZATION FROM CRAIN TO INITIATE COURT ACTION AGAINST BOTH DEBTORS.

4. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

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